

Application No. 10/596,736
Amendment dated February 17, 2009
Reply to Office Action of September 18, 2008

Docket No.: 20793/0204864-US0

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figures 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 13. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: Six (6) Replacement sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 23-44 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, claims 28-31 and 39-42 were indicated as being allowable but objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim. The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims by being unclear. Claims 23-27, 32, 34-37, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,133,561 to Toshimitsu et al. ("Toshimitsu") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0161515 to Salmon et al. ("Salmon"). Claims 33, 38, and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Toshimitsu, in view of Salmon and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,225,999 to Luzzi ("Luzzi").

In this response, claims 23, 29, 34, and 40-42 have been amended. Claims 27, 28, 38, and 39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Six replacement sheets including changes to Figures 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 13 are attached. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 28-31 and 39-42 include allowable subject matter but are objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 23 has now been amended to include the features of allowable claim 28 and intervening claim 27, and claim 34 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 39 and intervening claim 38.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is now in immediate condition for allowance.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Specifically, the Examiner indicates that modules 61a, 61b, 61c, 63, and 64 are unclear, and it is not clear whether the numerical indicators are indicating an icon or a display area only. With respect to the reference

indicators 63 and 64, the specification expressly indicates that 63 is a display area, and 64 is a start button, as is shown in Figure 3. *See Specification pp. 10-11, Paragraph [0028].* With respect to the objection regarding modules 61a, 61b, and 61c, six (6) replacement sheets have been attached for the Examiner's consideration including changes to Figures 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 13 to more clearly show modules 61a, 61b, and 61c. No new matter has been added.

Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 23-27, 32, 34-37, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Toshimitsu in view of Salmon.

Claims 33, 38, and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Toshimitsu, in view of Salmon and further in view Luzzi.

As described above, claim 23 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 28 and intervening claim 27, and claim 34 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 39 and intervening claim 38. No new matter has been added. Further, claims 24-26 and 29-33 depend from claim 23, and claims 35-37 and 40-44 depend from claim 34. Thus, the rejections of claims 23-26, 29-37, and 40-44 are now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 23-26, 29-37, and 40-44 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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